

HOUSE BILL 2065

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to drivers who are deaf or hard of hearing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) At the time of initial application for registration or application for renewal, the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may inform the department through the county clerk that the owner or lessee, or someone who may be operating the owner or lessee's vehicle, is deaf or hard of hearing and request that information be included in the Tennessee crime information center (TCIC) database and associated with any driver license, instruction permit, intermediate driver license, or photo identification license issued to the owner or lessee, or operator, as applicable, to assist law enforcement in identifying the operator of the vehicle as possibly being deaf or hard of hearing. Upon such request, the department shall include the information in the TCIC database and ensure the information is associated with any such license or permit issued to the person.

(b) The department, in consultation with the Tennessee bureau of investigation and department of safety, is authorized to adopt policies and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. For purposes of adopting policies and procedures or promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.